REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

By this Amendment, claims 1-26 have been canceled, and new claims 27-46 have been added to the application. No new matter has been added to the application. Accordingly, claims 27-46 are presently pending in the application.

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Cancellation of claims 1-18 renders the prior rejection thereof moot. Applicant notes that new claims 27-46 do not include the claim language that prompted the prior rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Also in the prior Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandoval et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,266,765, in view of Robinson, U.S. Pat. No. 5,882,083. Again, cancellation of claims 1-18 and 22-23 renders the prior rejection thereof moot. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 27-46 are clearly patentable over Sandoval et al. in view of Robinson. Neither reference fairly teaches or suggests an accessory mounting device for engagement with a recliner chair as claimed.

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